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## INADEQUACY OF THE SHIPPING BILL

Weaknesses Pointed Out by National Foreign Trade Council in a Report Submitted to Congress—Recommends Appointment of a Non-Partisan Shipping Board, to be Untrammelled—Declared That the Proposed \$50,000,000 Bonds Issues Would be Far too Small to Carry Out Project.

Washington, May 18.—In finding inadequate the present administration shipping bill for the creation of an effective merchant marine, the National Foreign Trade Council in a report submitted yesterday to congress declared that the proposed \$50,000,000 bond issue for a fleet of ships to make this country's trade independent of foreign shipping would be far too small and that from \$200,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 would be nearer the mark.

**Non-Partisan Shipping Board.**  
The report further held that until a definite federal shipping policy was adopted much like that in force in England, investors would be inclined to embark in such a venture. The main proposal advanced by the council, however, was the creation of a non-partisan shipping board comprised of men experienced in shipping and foreign trade and unconnected with any policy seeking government ownership or operation, or any wholesale regulation of ocean freight rates.

The council in its report is based on a thorough investigation of existing conditions directed by the council's merchant marine committee, comprised of James A. Farrell, president of the U. S. Steel Corporation, Robert Dollar, export merchant and ship owner of San Francisco, and P. A. S. Franklin, vice president of the International Mercantile Marine company.

**Three Chief Objects.**  
The three chief objects of a truly national shipping policy, says the report, "should be to permit and encourage the development of a merchant fleet discharging the following functions: first, to increase the national income and domestic prosperity through greater facilities for the sale abroad of products of the soil and industry of the United States; second, to insure the importation of materials indispensable to life and industry and through the freights collected from world commerce; second, to maintain under the flag, communication with distant possessions; and third, to aid the national defense and maintain commerce during the war whether the United States be belligerent or neutral."

**Amount and Character of Tonnage.**  
After an analysis of the amount and character of tonnage necessary to serve American foreign commerce before the European war, the council in its report reaches the conclusion that "with the \$50,000,000 derived from the proposed bond issue not more than 800,000 gross tons of shipping can be provided at existing prices or less than one-tenth of the minimum amount necessary to establish the United States in the position sought. Nothing like 800,000 gross tons is available from the few nations which, during the war, permit alienation of their merchantmen vessels. American shipyards will not construct a tonnage of new construction within two years. Rear Admiral Benson has testified that the navy yards can guarantee, if assured prompt

deliveries of materials in six 10,000 ton ships in two years."

**Service American Vessels Would Render.**  
On the assumption that the carriage of 40 per cent of American foreign commerce in American vessels would render this country independent, and in view of the fact that in 1915 1,871,342 tons of American shipping carried 14.3 per cent of the total foreign commerce, the committee estimates that between 8,000,000 and 10,000,000 gross tons of shipping would be required. And at the prevailing rate of construction before the war of \$50 a ton and of \$100 a ton the present cost it was found the final costs would be between \$400,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000.

**Without Definite Shipping Policy.**  
In what situation, asks the report, "does capital and itself when urged gradually to finance, at a cost of between one half billion and a billion dollars, the construction of 8,000 to 10,000,000 tons of steamships. First of all, it finds this country without a definite shipping policy, as in England all policy, governmental and commercial, has long been toward shipping. American policy has been to ignore it." The Seamen's Act is declared to "impose certain restrictions on American vessels which do not apply to certain other nations," and the pending shipping bill is held to be "barren of encouragement for private-owned shipping."

**Seamen's Act Discriminating.**  
The report finds that the Seamen's Act assumed to preclude discrimination between American and foreign vessels, is only operative where those ships sail from American ports, and points out that the great number of foreign ships touching our ports will have a distinct advantage over American ships forced by the nature of the act to touch our ports. The act is also criticized for its "circumlocutionary voyage necessary to avoid return in ballast."

**Dependent Upon Tramp Steamers.**  
The report finds that the greater American marine will be dependent upon tramp steamers because the tonnage of exports is about double that of imports necessitating the maneuvering of cargo vessels "all over the map in order to obtain return cargoes."

**Opposed to Predetermined Policy.**  
In favoring the creation of a non-partisan shipping board, the council is opposed to that board being "chained" to any predetermined policy of government ownership or operation of vessels or the wholesale regulation of ocean freight rates. It urges that the shipping board be empowered to recommend to congress the measures necessary to the maintenance of American shipping upon an equitable competitive basis with other nations.

### COMPILES RECORD OF FIRE CALLS SINCE 1881

Local Department Had But Nine Alarms in 1881 and 1882.

Chief Howard L. Stanton has made a research of the fire records from the year 1881 to April 1, 1918, of all fires. In 1881 the department responded to three alarms during the whole year, and during the next year they had six calls. From 1881 to 1918 there were only two telephone calls. At the present time the calls are mostly telephone calls.

Chief Stanton prefers bell alarms, as then the department knows where to go, while on the other hand people become accented while telephoning and sometimes it is hard to get the right information as to where the fire is located.

The figures compiled by Chief Stanton follow:

From July 1, 1881, to July 1, 1882....	3	Telephone, Still, Total
From July 1, 1882, to July 1, 1883....	6	6
From July 1, 1883, to July 1, 1884....	10	10
From July 1, 1884, to July 1, 1885....	17	17
From July 1, 1885, to July 1, 1886....	11	11
From July 1, 1886, to July 1, 1887....	15	15
From July 1, 1887, to July 1, 1888....	16	16
From July 1, 1888, to July 1, 1889....	14	14
From July 1, 1889, to July 1, 1890....	23	23
From Oct. 1, 1890, to July 1, 1891....	23	23
From July 1, 1891, to July 1, 1892....	23	23
From July 1, 1892, to July 1, 1893....	10	10
From July 1, 1893, to July 1, 1894....	12	12
From July 1, 1894, to July 1, 1895....	12	12
From July 1, 1895, to July 1, 1896....	23	23
From July 1, 1896, to July 1, 1897....	17	17
From July 1, 1897, to July 1, 1898....	17	17
From July 1, 1898, to July 1, 1899....	16	16
From July 1, 1899, to July 1, 1900....	25	25
From July 1, 1900, to July 1, 1901....	25	25
From July 1, 1901, to July 1, 1902....	11	11
From July 1, 1902, to July 1, 1903....	23	23
From July 1, 1903, to July 1, 1904....	23	23
From July 1, 1904, to July 1, 1905....	23	23
From July 1, 1905, to July 1, 1906....	14	14
From July 1, 1906, to July 1, 1907....	25	25
From July 1, 1907, to July 1, 1908....	27	27
From July 1, 1908, to July 1, 1909....	24	24
From July 1, 1909, to July 1, 1910....	23	23
From July 1, 1910, to July 1, 1911....	23	23
From July 1, 1911, to July 1, 1912....	23	23
From July 1, 1912, to July 1, 1913....	33	33
From July 1, 1913, to July 1, 1914....	75	168
From July 1, 1914, to July 1, 1915....	47	165
From July 1, 1915, to April 1, 1916....	24	71

### ASSIGNED TO DUTY WITH TENTH COMPANY.

Cadet G. B. Troland of U. S. Military Academy Has Volunteered for Duty.

The Connecticut cavalry troops will report for ten days' duty from Aug. 5 to Aug. 14, inclusive, at a cavalry camp of instruction at Worcester, Mass., according to special orders issued from the adjutant general's office. The order, however, announces that the holding of this camp is contingent upon the appropriation by congress of funds for the encampments and manœuvres of the organized militia, appropriation for this purpose not having been passed as yet. It is expected that the entire Fifth Militia cavalry, consisting of all the cavalry in New England, will attend this camp of instruction at Worcester.

Cadet Girard B. Troland of the United States Military Academy, having volunteered for duty with the Connecticut Coast Artillery corps during the joint coast defense maneuvers at Fort Wright from June 22 to July 1, inclusive, has been assigned to duty with the Tenth company, Connecticut Coast Artillery corps, during that period.

France is stimulating attention to gardening.

proper measure that will safeguard the children of this country from drinking tuberculous milk, and your bill seems a good way to bring about a beneficent supervision of the dairies of the country—perhaps by the United States public health and marine hospital service."

**LABORERS' STRIKE IS NOT SETTLED YET.**  
But Conditions in New London Highway Department Are More Satisfactory.

The end of the strike of 1,000 laborers in New London is not yet. While there has been a more or less desirous resumption of work on the part of some of those not affiliated with the union, the organization itself has not passed a vote in favor of giving up the struggle for an eight-hour day.

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## The Reid and Hughes Co

At a meeting of the strikers at their headquarters in Dart Hall Thursday morning, the issue is said to have been fought to a draw, approximately half of the members urging their associates to stick to the strike and the remainder advocating returning to productive toil.

The long and wordy session accomplished nothing. It is stated, and the union is now in a dead-lock as to what course to pursue. Another meeting is scheduled for this morning, when a vote will again be taken to determine the attitude of the members. It is reported that considerable bitterness exists between the two factions and that trouble is feared before a settlement is reached. A sound of police was on duty outside the hall Thursday morning but no attempt was made to interfere with the meeting.

Conditions in the highway department Thursday morning were foreboding than at any time since the commencement of the strike. Additional laborers were put to work, including men to clean gutters, and the steam rollers were once again in commission. In the water and sewer department, workers were not so plentiful. Operations were proceeding reasonably well at the state steamship terminal and on the bridge construction work.

Mayor Rogers had no comment to offer on the situation Thursday, other than to express his gratification at the manner in which the work of the highway department had been resumed. He had heard of the inability of the union members to come to a decision but had received no official notification regarding it.

**Leases Now Ready.**  
John M. Crampton, superintendent of the fish and game commission, has prepared a form of lease which was sent out Thursday from the office of the commission, to those persons who intend to have their lands posted as a part of the state preserve for the protection of birds. Warning sign forbidding the public from "hunting, snaring, trapping, taking or otherwise molesting" the wild game birds will be placed at conspicuous points on the reservation.

**TWO CASES BEFORE JUSTICE WILLIAM SMIDDY.**  
Michael Roscy Fined \$1 and Costs—Mr. and Mrs. Zion Under \$100 Bonds.  
Michael Roscy was brought before Justice William Smiddy, in Montville, Wednesday, on a charge of assault upon Mike Kotarsky, both of Montville. Roscy pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$1 and costs, a total of \$2.50, which he paid.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zion of the Bee Hive section, Montville, were brought before the judge on a charge of retaining an officer. Their cases were continued for one week, and are held under a \$100 bond.

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